

COVID-19 Truck Parking Rest-Stop Alert

Trucks are essential in maintaining our critical supply chains. Their activities need to be supported, including providing sufficient and secure rest areas, food, fuel and bathrooms, as well as repair and maintenance facilities. Some rest areas on key freight corridors are now open, though may be limited in facilities. The OCTC, in partnership with the MAP Forum, gathered key resources to inform the public on the rapidly changing COVID-19 response.

As these critical supply chains are a regional issue, we want to reach out to the involved agencies and our OCTC members to make you aware of these issues. This has an impact on all of our local economies.

Regional Rest Area Status

Here's a current compilation of regional rest area status, as of this morning, with many thanks to the MAP Forum members who reached out to their respective agencies:

- **NJ rest areas:** NJ Turnpike rest areas that are not under construction are open. Vince Lombardi we presently have parking, restrooms, and vending, this location is currently being rebuilt as well. The private truck stops in New Jersey are open, with two partial exceptions as of now: Knowlton and Carney's Point. Buildings only have vending machines and restrooms. Both buildings were closed yesterday. All parking facilities are open and PVMS were deployed to say PARKING OPEN: BUILDING CLOSED (both of these facilities are relatively small). This is very welcome news to NJ businesses and transportation companies.
- **CT rest areas** – All CT service plazas will remain open 24/7.
- **NY rest areas** – are currently open according to NYSDOT.
- **NYCDOT** – is currently working with NYC Emergency management and operations.
- **PA Turnpike rest areas** – **PA Turnpike to Reopen All 17 Service Plazas Starting Friday Morning and Restrooms and limited food items will be available inside each facility.**

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will reopen all 17 of its service plazas Friday, March 20. Starting tomorrow at 7 a.m., restrooms inside all service plazas will be open 24 hours. The outdoor portable toilets will remain in place at the service plazas for approximately one week.

Limited food options will be available at all service plazas starting tomorrow at 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. for take-out only. (Thereafter, and until further notice, food will be served from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. except at North Midway and Valley Forge locations which will offer food 24/7.) All service plazas will have limited staffing for the safety of the employees of HMS Host and 7-Eleven, which operate the PA Turnpike service plazas. Fuel and all convenience stores inside the service plazas will continue to remain open 24 hours a day. For more information on service plazas, visit https://www.paturnpike.com/pdfs/travel/PTC_Service_Plaza_Guide.pdf.

REMINDERS:

The PA Turnpike is not accepting cash or credit cards at its "ticket system" interchanges. This is a temporary safety measure to keep travelers moving with no need to stop at tollbooths or interact with tolling personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. All tolls will be assessed electronically via E-ZPass or

the PA Turnpike's TOLL BY PLATE program as vehicles travel at posted speed limits through tolling points. Cash tolls will still be in place on the Mon-Fayette Expressway (PA Turnpike 43) via the current Automated Payment Machines.

All those with special hauling permits for overweight/over-dimensional vehicles (Class 9) will still be able to travel the PA Turnpike. However, they must follow modified procedures during the temporary all-electronic tolling period. All customers in this category must print and carry a hard copy of the approved permit. Tolling personnel at designated interchanges will be available to assist with the appropriate lane assignments. All haulers must apply for a permit within two weeks of the anticipated travel day.

All scheduled construction projects have been halted at this time to keep customers moving, as well as, to limit worker interaction.

Prior to traveling on the PA Turnpike, customers should visit PATurnpike.com for updated information on any operational changes due to COVID-19.

To report an accident or other emergency on the PA Turnpike, **dial *11** via mobile phone. To learn more about PA Turnpike conditions or to contact us, use one of these resources:

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- **Variable & Digital Message Signs** - there are 1,150 NYSDOT cameras and more than 550 NYSDOT VMS boards connected to DOT's 10 Transportation Management Centers and publicly accessible via 511NY.
- **Highway Advisory Radio** — 1610 AM for the following interchanges: Newburgh, Kingston, and Albany; 530 AM for NYC area/Mario Cuomo Bridge.

BY PHONE

- **Road Conditions 1-800-THRUWAY**
- **NYSDOT, Region 8 Contact**
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ON THE WEB

- Check the NY roadways at: www.511NY.com
- **Waze** — a crowd-sourced navigation app that provides real-time traffic conditions with input from other drivers; download at <https://www.waze.com>

If you have local concerns or issues raised by freight carriers in your community, contact us at OCTC@orangecountygov.com and we will keep our partner agencies apprised.